Year	For Fermented toddy				Bakery		Grand total
	Cocoanut	Palmyras	Sagoes	Total	Cocoanut	Sagoes	
1095	51,553	7,635	5,161	64,359	125	...	89,795
1096	53,620	7,548	5,372	66,540	152	1	94,565
1097	51,743	7,315	5,309	64,367	172	3	91,419
1098	47,474	8,707	4,698	60,879	155	4	82,438
1099	46,043	7,921	4,431	58,395	149	5	80,747

v. Government considers that it is neither worth while nor necessary to go into the reasons by which arrack and toddy shops were not driven out of the Trichur Town. The experiment was tried in the Ernakulam Municipality where the location of arrack and toddy shops was prohibited, and the result has been anything but satisfactory. Since it was only licit liquor that was externed from the Municipal area, illicit supply, illicit possession and illicit sale of liquor have considerably increased. This is always the case when licit supply is cut off where there is demand.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Will the member kindly state whether the figures, regarding consumption of arrack, furnished in the answer, justify the statement of the Finance Member on page 10 of his Financial Statement, that the Abkari policy has been to secure the maximum profit from the minimum consumption ?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

From 1095 the consumption has been steadily going down, except for the years 1098 and 1099, during which year the consumption is little in excess of that in 1096 and 1097. The consumption in 1099 is certainly less than in 1098, and in this year it is much less. Generally, therefore, the statement is perfectly justifiable.

Receipts of the Forest Department.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

50. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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(i) Whether it has noted that during the last 3 years the actual receipts of the Forest Department fell far short of the budget estimates ;

(ii) Whether it has noted that the explanation generally given for the fall in receipts is paucity of demand for timber ; and

(iii) Whether the unprecedented floods towards the close of the year 1099 did in any way affect the sale of timber by the Forest Department in 1099?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

The answers to parts (i), (ii) and (iii) are in the affirmative.

Sale of Timber.

Mr. C. A OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

51. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the receipts of the Forest Department by sale of timber and other forest produce in Karkadagam in the years 1097, 1098 and 1099?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

A statement giving the information asked for is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix 1.*)

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Do these figures given in Appendix I show the the sales that actually took place in the Karkadagam of 1097, 1098 and 1099 ?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

No.

Extractions from the Forests.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

52. Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing, for the last ten years, the extractions from the Cochin Forests under (i) teak, (ii) rose-wood, (iii) jungle-wood and (iv) cart-loads of fuel ?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

A statement containing the information asked for is laid on the table. (*Appendix 2*)

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Is the fall under extractions in teak and rose-wood, from 1093 onwards, due to the paucity of demand for timber?

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